

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for one (1) month from October 6, 2007 through November 6, 2007. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.